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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : FRANZ VOSSEN

Docket No.: 00-601

Serial No.:

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Art Unit :

For : APPARATUS FOR REMOVING BROKEN-OUT
PIECES FROM A SHEET OF MATERIAL
OR THE LIKE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
United States Patent and Trademark office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In the above-identified application for United States
patent, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Prior to calculating the filing fee due, cancel claims 1-38,
all the claims in the case, and substitute the following claims
therefor.

39. Apparatus for removing broken-out pieces, in particular
waste portions (12), from a sheet of material (10) which contains
blanks or the like flat portions and which rests on a female die
(14) or the like breaking-out surface in such a way that the
broken-out portion extends over an opening (16) in the breaking-
out surface and is urged away through the opening under the
pressure of at least one breaking-out tool (40, 41), wherein

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